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Serial Number: 09/782,773 Filed: February 13, 2001
For: Submittable audio and Mixed Background Sound for Voice Message Systems
Art Unit: 2645 Examiner: Donna L. Winters

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For: Selectable Audio and Mixed Background Sound for Voice Messaging
System

Group Art Unit: 2645 Examiner: Scott L. Weaver

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing please find:

- (1) a Status Inquiry letter (1 page);
- (2) a copy of a previously-filed Amendment in the above-identified Application, including:
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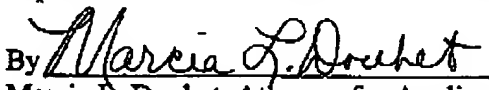
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request notification of the current status of the subject patent application.

An amendment was submitted for this application on June 30, 2003, responsive to a first Office Action dated March 31, 2003. This first Office Action stated that a number of claims were rejected, while others were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The rejected claims were cancelled in Applicants' June 30, 2003 response, and the claims objected to were rewritten in independent form. Thus, all remaining claims of the application are considered in form for allowance. However, nearly 15 months after submission of Applicants' response, the application has not been allowed. In fact, Applicants' representative has been informed that the case is currently lost.

Applicants respectfully request that this application be passed to issuance without further delay.

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